Bumthang district is situated in Central Bhutan.

(f) **Lakha (LA-KHA)** is the language of the mountains spoken by 8,000 Lagabs in the villages of Buso, Langji, Dadag, Zeri, Darilo, Wangdigonpa, Rabu, Kumbu, Bagti, Nangkha, Segta, Thanyel, Longtyo, Longmey, Bumbilo, Ribarnang and Rukhuji under Wangdiphodrang district in Western Bhutan.

(g) **Layakha (LAYAG-KHA)** is the language of 500 Layabs who are alpine yakherds under Gasa district in Northern Bhutan. It is also spoken by 600 Lingzhibs or the residents of Lingzhi gewog under Thimphu district in Western Bhutan.

(h) **Lunakha (LUNG-NAG-KHA)** is the language of 700 Lunabs who are also alpine yakherds under Gasa district in Northern Bhutan.

(j) **Bumthangkha (BUM-THANG-KHA)** is the native language of Bumthang district in Central Bhutan. It is closely related to Khengkha and Kurtyokha. Bumthang has four

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